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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A cash control system for a business establishment having one or more cash registers, the cash control system comprising:

a safe assembly including a safe adapted to secure cash and a currency reader coupled to the safe and programmed to determine an amount of cash received in the safe;

a memory in which a control software is stored, the control software programmed to update a pair of identifiers that distinguish deposit information accumulated only during an accounting period before a predetermined event and deposit information accumulated during an accounting period that includes a period after the predetermined event, wherein the pair of identifiers do not contain values including a date and/or a time of the predetermined event;

a central control unit which receives deposit information from the safe assembly and generates and transmits deposit reports, the central control unit uses the control software to update and transmit the pair of identifiers, wherein the central control unit comprising:

means for detecting the predetermined event used to determine the accounting period before the predetermined event;

means for detecting the accounting period that includes the period after the predetermined event; and

means for generating, using uses the control software and based on the detected predetermined event and the accounting period that includes the period after the predetermined event, the pair of identifiers to indicate whether the deposit information was accumulated only during the accounting period before the predetermined event or during the accounting period that includes [[a]] the period after the predetermined event by making the identifiers to be different from one another or to be identical to each other, wherein the pair of identifiers do not contain values including a date and/or a time of the predetermined event; and

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